

Mayor and City Council Agenda Item Request

Meeting Date: 4/15/2013

Type: Presentation

Call to Podium:

Grace Whipple, Senior Center Facility Director, and the Senior Advisory Committee

Agenda Item Title:

Proclamation of the Mayor and the City Council Designating May, 2013 as “Active Older Adult Month” in the City of Gaithersburg

Responsible Staff and Department:

Michele Potter, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture

Desired Outcome from Council:

Receive Proclamation

Public Hearing History	
Introduction Date:	
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Supporting Background Information:

The month of May is annually celebrated as Older Americans Month and is a program of the U.S. Department of Human Services. This recognition is intended to acknowledge the many contributions older adults have made to our communities including the legacy of volunteerism, acting as role models to younger generations and the gift of patriotism.

President John F. Kennedy designated May “Senior Citizens Month” when meeting with the National Council of Senior Citizens in April of 1963. Thirteen years later in 1980, President Jimmy Carter designated it as “Older Americans Month.”

The City of Gaithersburg, in partnership with the Montgomery Village Foundation, Montgomery County Recreation, Montgomery County Housing and Opportunities Commission, and Asbury Methodist Village, will host the 5th Annual Active Aging Expo on Monday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year, the theme is “Aging Sensationally and Safely.”

Gaithersburg Police and Montgomery County Fire and Rescue will provide lectures to help ensure the safety of older adults in the community. In addition, there will be educational sessions on subjects of interest, interactive demonstrations, and opportunities for pampering as well as preventative screenings. The Expo will highlight information about valuable programs and services available in the City and County along with more than 80 businesses and agencies.

The purpose of the day is to promote an improved quality of life for older adults and to demonstrate a commitment for our community to be a “Community for a Lifetime.” This event is free.